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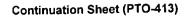
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## Application No. Applicant(s) 09/510.782 KRYSIAK ET AL. Interview Summary Examiner Art Unit Son T. Nguyen 3643 All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel): (1) Son T. Nguyen. (3)\_\_\_\_\_. (4) (2) Philip Weiss. Date of Interview: 20 September 2001. Type: a) ▼ Telephonic b) Video Conference c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative] Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e)⊠ No. If Yes, brief description: Claim(s) discussed: 1. Identification of prior art discussed: Spittle (US 5,916,027) and Morgan (US 6,029,395). Agreement with respect to the claims f(x) = x + x + y + y = 0 was not reached. f(x) = x + y = 0 was not reached. f(x) = x + y = 0Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet . (A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.) i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked). Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant argues that his method is special in that it is an agglomeration/granulation method to produce a mulch product. However, the steps claimed by Applicant are merely adding, adding and drying, which do not distinguish it from the prior arts. In addition, Applicant argues that the word agglomeration/granulation should have distinguished it from the prior arts. The two words merely mean to form into a round mass (agglomeration) and to form into grains or granules (granulation)which, again, are taught by the prior arts. The Examiner has considered these arguments and have concluded that the final rejection stands.